

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 and 12-25 are pending with Claims 1, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 24 amended and Claims 10-11 canceled by the present amendment.

In the Official Action Claims 1-9 and 12-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Anderson et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0039750), Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson in view of Igarashi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,747,680); and Claims 10 and 11 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

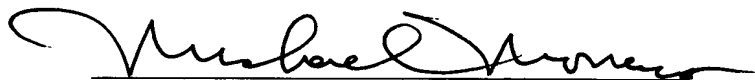
Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

Independent Claims 1, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 24 are amended to recite the features indicated as allowable from Claims 10 and 11. No new matter is added.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

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